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## MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION

RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CANAL FROM THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
TO THE ILLINOIS RIVER, AT HENNEPIN, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

WHEREAS, The agricultural, manufacturing, and commercial interest, not only of the  
2 Northwest, but of the entire country, are largely dependent for their development upon a  
3 full enjoyment of the facilities for the transportation of products and commodities; and,

WHEREAS, The two great interior water routes of transportation in the United States are  
2 those of the Mississippi River, from the North to the South, and with the lakes, with the  
3 Erie Canal and Hudson River, from the West to East; and,

WHEREAS, A direct all-water connection between these two great routes is indispensa-  
2 ble to a complete service to the interests which so imperatively demand improved and  
3 cheaper routes of transportation, since without such a connection there can be no real use  
4 by the Northwest of a water route to the East, nor by the East to the Northwest; and,

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Iowa did, in 1864, in 1870, again in 1874,  
2 and still again in 1880 and in 1882, memorialize Congress for the construction of a canal to  
3 connect the Mississippi River with the Illinois River, at a line running eastward from or  
4 near Rock Island; and,

WHEREAS, Various boards of trade and commercial bodies, both East and West, together  
2 with the Legislatures of various States, are urging upon Congress the construction of said  
3 canal; and,

WHEREAS, Congress of the United States, by act of August 2, 1882, authorized the Secre-  
2 tary of War to cause a survey to be made for the purpose of ascertaining the most practi-  
3 cable route for such proposed canal; which survey has been made and an official report  
4 thereof transmitted to Congress; therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House, the Senate concurring:*

That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to vote for and use their  
2 active influence to effect such legislation in Congress as will secure the construction, at an  
3 early day, of said canal for commercial purposes from Hennepin, on the Illinois River, to or  
4 near Rock Island, on the Mississippi River, and to vote a liberal appropriation therefor, to  
5 the end that said canal may be completed and opened to the commerce of the country at the  
6 earliest possible date.

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State be and is hereby instructed to forthwith transmit a  
2 copy hereof to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.